

FUTURE HOUSE

# London's Techno-Optimist Members Society



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## OPPORTUNITY

# The London Startup Scene Is Missing Infrastructure

American culture is naturally bottom-up co-ordinating, so things like hacker-houses can solve for collaboration and network-building, and individuals can naturally sell their ideas to the rest of the country.

British & European culture is more reliant on top-down co-ordination.  
The Victorians understood this, but The Royal Institution and Chambers of Commerce are no longer fit-for-purpose.

**It's time for a new Techno-Optimistic Institution in Britain.**



## APPROACH

# Not Another Hackerhouse

**A member-run event space, maker space, campaigning org, meta-community, social club, and incubator - all rolled into one**

- **Inspire:** A physical location in London dedicated to amplifying ambition and optimism
- **Educate & Challenge:** Structured on-ramps for bored software engineers to enter new fields and apply tech to real life
- **Enable:** Shared equipment & workspace, and founder-driven policy campaigning on issues that block progress



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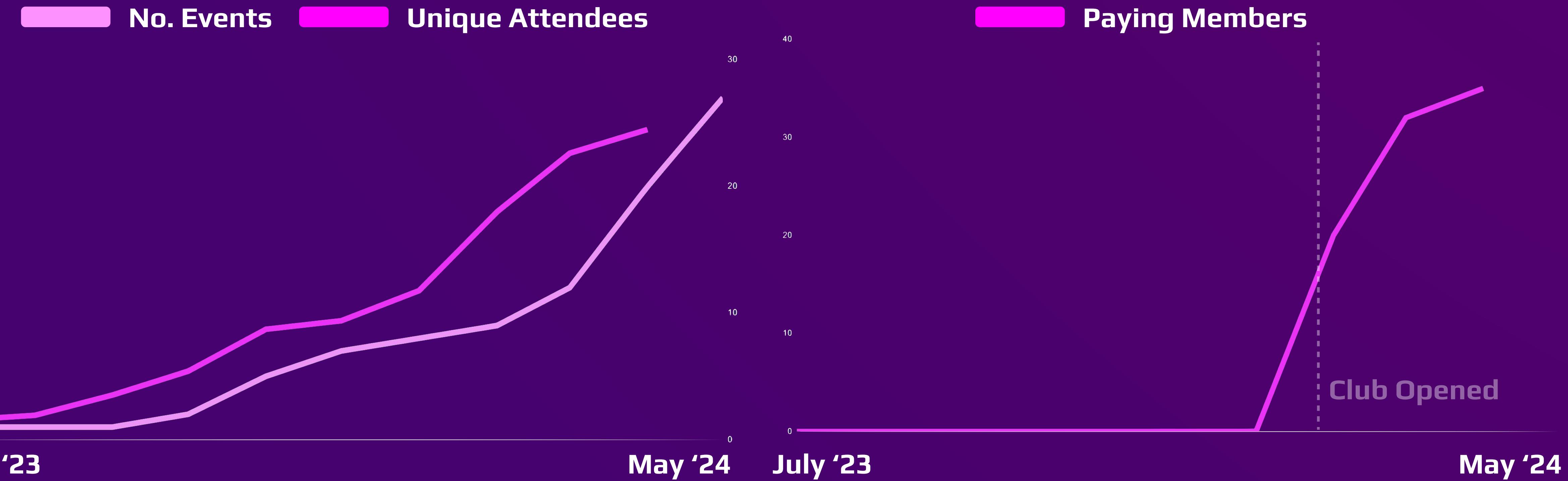
## **Not A New Idea**

**Or as Sir Benjamin Thompson put it in 1799 when proposing the RI:**  
“formation by Subscription, in the Metropolis of the British Empire, of a Public Institution for diffusing the Knowledge and facilitating the general Introduction of useful Mechanical Inventions and Improvements, and for the teaching by courses of Philosophical Lectures and Experiments, the application of Science to the Common Purposes of Life”



## PROGRESS

# The MVP Is Already Working



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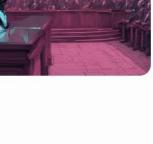
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6:30 PM S1E1: Where Is My Flying Car? 📍 Entrepreneur First 👤 90 guests  +85	7:00 PM Optimist's Dinner 📍 157 Kennington Rd 👤 101 guests  +96	6:00 PM AI London Lightning Talks + Social 📍 Newspeak House 👤 142 guests  +137
6:30 PM S1E2: Why Can't I Buy a House? 📍 Unit 10, New North House Canonbury Yard, 190a New N ... 👤 112 guests  +107	7:00 PM London Organisers Reception 📍 Future House 👤 60 guests  +55	6:00 PM AI London Lightning Talks + Social - AI Safety Edition 📍 Techspace Whitechapel 👤 181 guests  +176
6:30 PM S1E3: When Will The UK Land On The Moon? 📍 Entrepreneur First 👤 175 guests  +170	7:00 PM Future House Opening Party 📍 Future House 👤 264 guests  +259	6:30 PM AI London Lightning Talks x HBS Alumni Association 📍 Entrepreneur First 👤 101 guests 
6:30 PM S1E4: Why Is Government Broken? 📍 Newspeak House 👤 173 guests  +168	6:30 PM FuOSS Social 🎉 📍 Future House 👤 53 guests  +48	Just F***ing Build Something
6:30 PM S1E5: Where Is My Robot Butler? 📍 Future House 👤 209 guests  +204	9:30 AM Satur-DIY #1: FutureHouse 📍 Future House 👤 35 guests  +27	A large audience seated in rows, looking towards a stage or presentation area.
6:30 PM S1E6: When Will We Have Infinite Energy? 📍 Future House 👤 198 guests  +193	9:30 AM Satur-DIY #2: Home Defence 📍 Future House 👤 28 guests  +22	A collage of images showing various scenes from the event, including a speaker on stage, attendees networking, and a futuristic interior space.

Avg Event Rating  
4.8/5



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## THE GOAL

# Make The UK The R&D Capital Of The World

## What we already have

- Top tier engineering & research talent
- Generous R&D tax breaks
- Surprisingly malleable legislation & regulation

## We are

- Directing talent toward specific strategic areas (cause areas)
- Providing a reality-distortion-field for ambitious & optimistic people
- Representing founders' interests to regulators and Gvt. Officials



# **THE NEXT STEP**

## **Going All In**

We've built a high-quality & engaged community of founders, builders, researchers, and campaigners. We're now looking for donors to help us scale, teach, and un-block them.

**Book a visit to FutureHouse to hear what we have planned, and how you can help.**

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